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1. ROK MEDIA DECEMBER 2, 1977, REPORTED ARRIVAL DECEMBER 1 OF JAPANESE DIRGEN OF FISHERIES MAKOTO OKAYASU FOR TALKS WITH HIS ROK COUNTERPART (ADM. RET.) SHIN TAE YOUNG. OKAYASU DEPARTED DECEMBER 3 AFTER A TOUR D'HORIZON COVERING PENDING ROK-JAPAN FISHERIES ISSUES.

2. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS REPORTS, VERIFIED BY A ROK OFFICE OF FISHERIES AFFARIS (OFA) OFFICIAL, INDICATE THAT ADMIRAL SHIN PROMISED TO DISPATCH OFA INSPECTORS/SUPERVISORS TO THE 16 VESSEL ROK FLEET OFF HOKKAIDO TO REDUCE GEAR CONFLICTS BETWEEN ROK TRAWLERS AND SMALLER AJAPANESE FISHING BOATS IN THE AREA AND TO ASSIST ROK FIRMS TO COMPENSATE FOR DAMAGES THEIR VESSELS MAY HAVE CAUSED. SHIN ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESS FOR REDUCTION OF JAPANESE TARIFF RATES ON KOREAN

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MARINE PRODUCTS AS WELL AS FOR ELIMINATION OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS (QR) ON EIGHT SPECIES AND INCREASE OF THE TUNA QR UPWARDS TO 68,000 TONS. OKAYASU WAS NON-COMMITTAL.

3. OFA OFFICIALS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT ALTHOUGH ALL PENDING ISSUES WERE RAISED, "THE TALKS WERE INCONCLUSIVE AND WILL

HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT ANOTHER TIME."

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: GOJ FIRST RAISED THE HOKKAIDO GEAR CONFLICT ISSUE IN FEBRUARY, 1976, AND HAS NOT ADDRESSED IT PUBLICLY SINCE THAT TIME. SIMILARLY, ROK LAST PUBLICLY URGED REDUCTION OF QR'S AND TARIFFS ON FISH AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME. ALTHOUGH BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH VERY MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES SINCE THAT TIME, LOW KEY TREATMENT OF THE TALKS REFLECTS DESIRE TO CONTINUE CLOSE PRACTICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES WHILE ACCOMMODATING AS NECESSARY TO MUTUAL POLITICAL NEEDS.

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